

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross
Sunday 2 July 2023 – Fourth Sunday after Trinity**



Coming Up at St Thomas'

Worship

Sunday 2 July - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 9 July - Morning Worship – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig

Sunday 16 July - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 23 July - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 30 July – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant

Sunday 6 August - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Bishop William and Linda Craig

Sunday 13 August - Morning Worship 11.00 a.m. – Hellen Watson and Linda

Sunday 20 August - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 27 August - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 3 September - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 10 September– Morning Worship 11.00 a.m. – Linda Craig

Sunday 17 September - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 24 September - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 1 October - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 8 October - Morning Worship – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig

Most of the 11.00 a.m. services listed above also take place at St John's at 9.30 a.m. each Sunday. These services are accessible via Zoom for anyone who is not ready, or able, to attend services in person.

Members of St Thomas' Church are very welcome to share in this online worship. If you would like the **Zoom** link, please **ring 427453** or email **lawrobinson@btinternet.com** or **stthomashenbury@aol.com**

If you would like to join the team of people who deliver the readings and/or intercessions at these services, please contact: Tony Dewdney on **01625 439753** or **tjdewdney@talktalk.net**

Other Events

Friday 7 July 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's

Friday 14 July 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas'

Saturday 15 July 3.30 p.m. – Messy Church at St John's

Saturday 15 July 5.30 p.m. – Benefice BBQ at St John's Vicarage

Wednesday 19 July 8 p.m. - M.A.S.T. (Men at St Thomas') in the Blacksmiths' Arms at Henbury

Catch Up with our Online Services

If you've been unable to attend Church, you can catch up with our online services recorded at St John's. Here are the links to the last two weeks' services. Just click on the link below

Barnaby – Churches Together Service – June 18th

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfWAPPHVCRw>

Third Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion – June 25th

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-29PIxN8qVs>

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Benefice BBQ

This year's Benefice BBQ will take place on **Saturday 15 July** at 5.30 p.m. in the Vicarage Garden. There is no charge, but should you wish to make a donation towards the cost this will be welcome. Tea/coffee and other soft drinks will be provided but please bring your own wines and beers etc (and perhaps a chair to sit on!)



Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessors	Sidesperson
Sunday 2 July 4 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 22.1-14 Jacky Toms	Romans 6.12-23 Bob Toms	Linda Craig	Colin Marlow
Sunday 9 July 5 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 24.34- 38,42-49, 58-67 Jackie Booth	Matthew 11.16- 19, 25-end Linda Craig	Linda Craig	Can anyone fill in this Sunday please as sidesperson?
Sunday 16 July 6 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 25.19- 34 David Plews	Romans 8.1-11 Roy Waller	Di Waller	Tony Dewdney
Sunday 23 July 7 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 28.10- 19a Janet Tute	Romans 8.12-25 Jackie Booth	Linda Craig	Colin Marlow
Sunday 30 July 8 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 29.15- 28 Anne Brown	Romans 8.26-39 Tony Dewdney	Judith Dewdney	Janet Tute

Readings

Genesis 22.1-14

22 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!'

'Here I am,' he replied.

² Then God said, 'Take your son, your only son, whom you love – Isaac – and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain that I will show you.'

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, 'Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.'

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, 'Father?'

'Yes, my son?' Abraham replied.

'The fire and wood are here,' Isaac said, 'but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?'

⁸ Abraham answered, 'God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.' And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, 'Abraham! Abraham!'

'Here I am,' he replied.

¹² 'Do not lay a hand on the boy,' he said. 'Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.'

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram^[a] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, 'On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.'

Romans 6:12-23

New International Version - UK

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Slaves to righteousness

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in^[a] Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10:40-42 New International Version - UK

⁴⁰ 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn of the Week

Thanks to Judith, our organist for selecting the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5cjQykt2ss>

Lord for the Years

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)

For our Prayers

The Sick: Amy Roberts, Pat Wain, John Louca, Anthony Westnedge, Margaret Williams, Dylan Belt, Melissa, Jane Burghall, Glenys Crabtree, Christina Klatsia, Avril Arrowsmith, John Smyth. Michael Louca, Ian Barker.

RIP: Peter Plant

Burial of Ashes: May Willock

July Quiz

1. The month of Quintilis was renamed July in honour of which historical figure?
2. *Delphinium* is a genus of about 300 species of perennial flowering plants, which are toxic to humans and livestock - by what common name is this plant known?
3. Bastille Day is celebrated in France on which date?
4. On which British ship did Napoleon Bonaparte surrender to Captain Frederick Lewis Maitland on the 15 July 1815?
5. In the poem, *The Garden Year*, in the line 'Hot July brings cooling showers, apricots, and gillyflowers', which modern day flower is a gillyflower?
6. 'Fourth of July', is a slow ballad on which singer's *Butterfly* album? (Hint: it was released in 1997)
7. St Swithin's Day falls on which date every year? And if it rains on St. Swithin's Day, for how many more days will it continually rain?
8. Neil Armstrong became the first man to step onto the moon on July 21, in which year?
9. What name is given to the hot, sultry days of summer that are said to begin in early July?
10. Which 1989 American biographical war drama film is the autobiography of war veteran Ron Kovic?

Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Victor Hugo
2. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
3. A dragon
4. Oliver Twist
5. Mark Twain
6. Phileas Fogg
7. Plant
8. Jane Eyre
9. Stephen King
10. Jeeves

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent in contributions to the newsletter over the last three years. Please continue to do so – all contributions are most welcome – memories of St Thomas' or Macclesfield, musical memories, poems, quizzes etc. Anything that you think might be of interest to our readers. Please email stthomashenbury@aol.com

Other News Claritas Choir

On **Saturday 1 July**, Claritas, the hospice choir, will be singing during a coffee morning at the United Reformed Church in Park Green between 10.00 and 12 noon. There will also be usual coffee morning stalls, tombola etc.



Mydel Choir

The Mydel Choir is offering a musical afternoon at 3.30 p.m. on **Sunday 2 July** in St John's Church, followed by light refreshments. Tickets are available from Lis Bentley either in person or by ringing 01625 425760.

Broken Cross Dementia Club

Broken Cross Methodist Church has started a club on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month (1.30 to 3.30 p.m.) for people with dementia and their carers. It includes singing, music, craft work, games, and armchair exercises, as well as refreshments. Further info: John Morrell 07915 252535 or Jean Sillifant 01625 402446

The Hope Centre – 16-18 Park Green - Sells cards, gifts and Christian resources. Opening times are Tues – Fri 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. There is also a café which sells drinks and snacks.

SilkLife FoodBank

Your support for the SilkLife Foodbank is greatly appreciated. It provides a vital service to the people of Macclesfield throughout the year, so please, if you are able, please support them by leaving items in the box at the back of church.

Closing Prayer

May we live each day compassionate of heart,
clear in word, gracious in awareness,
courageous in thought, and generous in love. Amen

God bless,

Bob (07753583555), Carole (611477) and Linda (424505)

For Church bookings please contact: **Bob 07753583555**. For Church Hall bookings please contact: **Lesley 07789 744473/lesley-brown@hotmail.co.uk**

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Prayers

We are very willing to pray for anyone who wishes us to pray for them or for the people they are concerned about. It is not necessary to already be associated with the Church for you to request our prayers. We are also here to listen if you have a problem you wish to talk through. Please feel free to contact us via letter, email (stthomashenbury@aol.com) or by ringing 611477 or 424505.

Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to become more involved in Church life, we have a number of areas in which we would welcome more volunteers:

Refreshments – Maybe you could help with the refreshments after the service each Sunday? The task involves setting out the table and chairs before Church starts and then leaving Church during the last hymn to switch the kettles on and brew the tea. If you think you might be able to help, please ring Carole on **01625 611477** or email stthomashenbury@aol.com. Thank you.

Hymnal Plus – Or maybe you might want to learn how to operate the Hymnal Plus, which provides the music at services when our organist, Judith, is away? It is very simple to operate and doesn't require any computer skills. If you might be interested in helping with this please contact Tony or Judith on **01625 439753** or [**tjedwdney@talktalk.net**](mailto:tjedwdney@talktalk.net) or [**judith.torview@gmail.com**](mailto:judith.torview@gmail.com). Thank you.

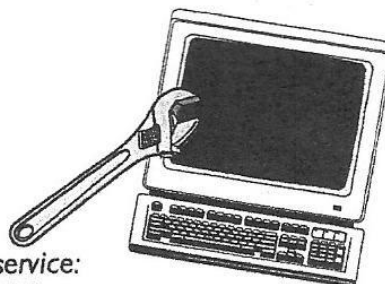
Fabric Committee – We are also looking to create a Fabric Committee to oversee the fabric of the Church and the Church Hall. This would entail being notified of repairs/maintenance work required, obtaining quotes and letting workmen in and out of the buildings. If you might be interested, please ring 01625 424505 or email [**stthomashenbury@aol.com**](mailto:stthomashenbury@aol.com)

Thank You

We would like to thank all of you who have been contributing financially to the mission and ministry of the parish. It is much appreciated. If you'd like to make a donation, you can either post it to Mr Bob Toms at 48 Grasmere, Macclesfield SK11 8PL or, if you prefer online banking, our details are St Thomas' Henbury Parochial Church Council, sort code 20 53 77, account number 40775819. Many thanks for your support.

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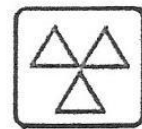
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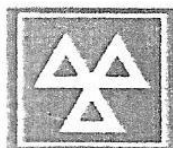
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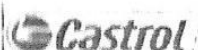
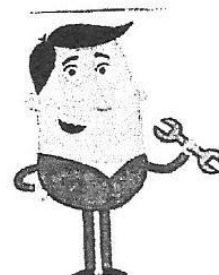
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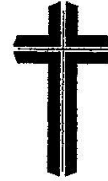


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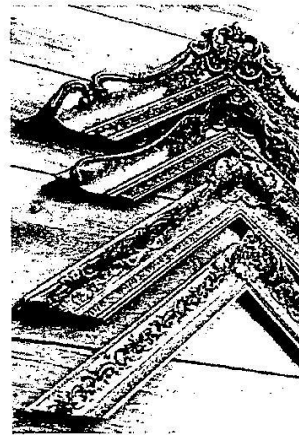
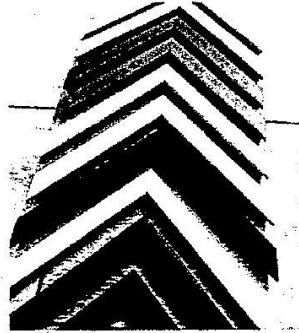
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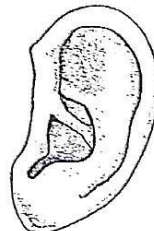
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